

1934

The Fifteenth Annual Session
of
New Hope Association
of
United Baptists



Held with Sugar Loaf Church, Emma, Floyd
County, Ky., August 24, 25, 26, 1934

Elder B. W. Craft, Moderator
Elder W. M. Hall, Asst. Moderator
Elder Alex Stephens, Clerk
Bro. T. R. Prater, Asst. Clerk

FRIDAY MORNING

Fifteenth annual session of New Hope Association held with Sugar Loaf Church, Emma, Floyd county, Kentucky, commencing on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday in Aug., 24, 25 and 26, 1934. Services introduced by Elder S. G. Rice and prayer by Bro. S. G. Rice, after which came Elder A. J. Wright and preached the introductory sermon from 16th chapter and 18th verse of St. Matthew, "And I say also unto thee that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

2. After which the delegates composing the New Hope Association assembled at the house and transacted the following business: A short exhortation by Elder Wm. Hall and prayer by Elder Alex. Stephens, after which Rules of Decorum were read and a strict compliance to same was admonished by the Moderator, Elder B. W. Craft.

3. Officers were appointed to keep order.

4. By move and second Bro. Roy Childers and Bro. Wm. Shepherd and Bro. Johnnie Goodman were appointed to see that the stand be occupied by ministers of our faith and order while the Association is in session.

5. Letters from the sister churches composing New Hope Association of United Baptists were called for, read and received, as follows: and by move and second delegates seated:

New Hope—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Wm. Hall, Bro. Richard Wills were delegates.

Sugar Loaf—Elder Lon Childers, Elder A. J. Wright, Bro. Jim McSearley were delegates.

East Point—Elder John D.^r Music, Elder Paris Music, were delegates.

Prestonsburg—Elder Frank McGuire, Elder A. J. Stephens, Bro. Booker Owens.

Chestnut Grove—Elder W. K. Bayes, Bro. Wash Miller, Bro. Milt Holbrook were delegates.

Little Rock—Elder Nero Whittaker, Bro. Wash Sweet Home—Elder Alex Stephens, Bro. Charley Gnsley, Bro. Lee Robinson, were delegates.

Holbrook, Bro. T. R. Prater were delegates.

New Life—Elder S. G. Rice, Bro. D. M. Conn, Bro. J. K. Conn, were delegates.

Clear Creek—Bro. A. J. Brown, Bro. Riley Reynolds, W. M. Boyd were delegates.

Cynthia Ann—Elder Johnnie King, Bro. K. F. Mead, Bro. Bee Compton were delegates.

6. By voice of delegates Elder B. W. Craft was elected Moderator and by move and second Elder Wm. Hall was elected his assistant, Elder Alex Stephens, Clerk, Bro. T. R. Prater assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

7. Called for new churches and received by move and second Little Union Church at Garrett, Ky., and Elder T. J. Smith, Bro. Jim Childers, Elder F. F. Smith were delegates.

8. Called for letters from correspondent Associations and received as follows:

Paint Union, by the hands of Elder T. J. Ferguson, Elder Theado Williams, Elder J. H. Conley. Read, received and Messengers seated.

Mt. Zion—Not represented.

Olive By the hands of Elder Wm. Cook, Bro. Jerry Bartley, Elder Ali Ward. Read, received and

messengers seated.

Blaine Union, By the hands of Elder Matthew Fyffe, Elder P. H. Skaggs. Read, received and messengers seated.

Zion, By the hands of Elder Winford Meeks, Bro. Mose Dutton. Read, received and messengers seated.

Cynthia Ann Church, Boldman, Pike county, Ky.; New Life Church, Banner, Floyd county, Ky.; Glass Creek Church, Fed, Floyd county, Ky., were dropped from New Hope Association of United Baptists by unanimous vote and passed an order to receive members from these churches who denounce the A. E. McCoy and his faction only by recommendation.

9. Moved and seconded to seat transient ministers of our faith, to-wit: Elder Elzie Banks, Elder S. S. Owens, Elder W. C. Clark, Elder Mose Maynard, Elder Marion Booth, Elder Alonzo Wright.

10. The following brethren were appointed to write correspondent letters to correspondent associations, to-wit: Bro. Richard Wills to Paint Union; Elder Lon Childers to Zion; Elder Frank McGuire to Olive; Elder T. J. Smith to Mt. Zion; Elder Nero Whittaker to Blaine Union; Elder A. J. Wright to Iron Hill; Bro. T. R. Prater to Bethlehem.

11. Committee on the B'll of Arrangements for tomorrow, to-wit: Elder Lon Childers, Elder Wm. Hall, Elder T. J. Smith, together with the Moderator and Clerk.

12. Moved to adjourn until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SATURDAY MORNING

1. Saturday morning at 9 a. m., 25th day of Au-

gust, 1934, the delegates and a crowd of brethren and sisters met the delegates at the house and sang Zion's songs and a short exhortation by Elder Alex Stephens and prayer by Elder A. B. Dixon.

2. Roll cal and a chorus present. Bill of arrangements read and received and committee discharged.

3. Letters to the correspondent associations read received and messengers appointed to bear same to:

Paint Union—Elder Wm. Hall, Elder Alex Stephens, Elder B. W. Craft, when convened with Little Fork Church, Magoffin county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the 3rd Saturday and Sunday in September, 1934, and the two following days.

Mt. Zion—Elder T. J. Smith, Elder Lon Childers, Elder F. F. Smith when convened with Montgomery Church, Knott county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the 1st Saturday and Sunday in September, 1934, and the two following days.

Olive—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Frank McGuire, Elder A. J. Wright, when convened with the Olive Church, Floyd county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the 3rd Saturday and Sunday in August, 1935, and the two following days.

Zion—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder A. J. Wright, Elder Lon Childers when convened with Friendship Church, Johnson county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in September, 1934, and the two following days.

Blaine Union—Elder Lon Childers, Elder T. J. Smith, Elder A. J. Wright when convened with Keeton Fork Church, Johnson county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the 4th Saturday and

Sunday in September, 1934, and the 2 following days.

Iron Hill—Elder Alex Stephens, Elder John D. Music, Bro. J. P. Harris when convened with Mt. Church, Carter county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in September, and the two following days.

Bethlehem Association—Elder Frank McGuire, Bro. Geo. Goodman, Elder Wm. Hall when convened with Mt. Calvary Church, Mingo county, W. Va. commencing on Friday before the 1st Saturday and Sunday in September, 1934, and the two following days.

4. Our next conference meeting will be held with New Hope Church, Floyd county, Kentucky, to commence on Friday before the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1935, and the two following days, and Elder T. J. Smith and Elder Nero Whitaker and Elder Lon Childers shall attend it.

5. Our next union meeting shall be held with the Little Union Church, Garrett, Floyd county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the first Saturday and Sunday in July, 1935, and the two following days, and Elder Wm. Hall, Elder B. W. Craft and Elder Frank McGuire shall attend it.

6. By report of our last conference meeting Little Rock Church, Myrtle, Floyd county, Kentucky, will be entitled to our next Association, to commence on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1935, and the two following days.

7. By voice of present Association Elder Frank McGuire will preach the introductory sermon at our next Association, and Elder Alex Stephens his alternate.

8. Treasurer reports on hand.....	\$.58
Received this August 25, 1934.....	25.87

Total.....	\$26.45
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9. Moved to have 500 copies of minutes printed and Elder Alex Stephens, clerk and treasurer, superintend the printing and distribution of same to the several churches of New Hope Association.

10. By voice of delegates, Elder A. J. Stephens introduce tomorrow, Elder T. J. Ferguson next, Elder B. W. Craft close.

11. Minutes of present Association read and corrected and received as the working of New Hope Association of United Baptists.

12. We tender our thanks to the brethren and sisters of Sugar Loaf Church and the vicinity at large for the courtesy we received while with you. May God bless you all.

13. By a short exhortation by Elder Mose Maynard and prayer by Bro. Maynard and an old-time hymn and a Baptist handshake, we adjourn in the name of our God and His dear Son to meet in an Association compositely some day midway the air, for Jesus says, "Ye are the light of the world, a city set on the hill cannot be hid."

ELDER B. W. CRAFT, Moderator
 ELDER WM. HALL, Asst. Moderator
 ELDER ALEX STEPHENS, Clerk
 BRO. T. R. PRATER, Ass't Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning, at 9 a. m., Aug. 26, 1934, a large crowd and many of the delegates met at the stand

and Elder A. J. Stephens introduced and Bro. Bill Shepherd prayed. Then came Elder T. J. Ferguson and preached from the 18th chapter of St. John and 37th verse, "Pilate therefore said unto him, art thou a king? Then Jesus answered, Thou sayest I am a king; to this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world."

Then came Elder B. W. Craft and closed and the above brethren were wonderfully blessed with the spirit of preaching, and the voices of dear children echoed through the air in praise of our great Jehovah God.

OBITUARIES

MARGARET PRATER

Margaret Prater, the wife of Riley Prater, was born May 6, 1901, and died May 22, 1934, aged 33 years and 15 days. She joined the United Baptist Church in the year 1919. She lived a faithful Christian life until death, and when she had to go, she said, "Oh, if Jesus would take me."

She left five small children—three girls and two boys, and a loving husband, her father and mother and many friends to mourn her loss.

Her funeral will be preached at the cemetery where she is buried.

Written by a sister in the Lord,

LUCY PRATER,

Brainard, Ky.

EMMA SHEPHERD

Emma Shepherd, the wife of Andy Shepherd, was born Jan. 14, 1858, and died Aug. 13, 1934, aged 76

Statistical Report of New Hope Ass

Names of Churches	Names of Delegates
Sweet Home . . .	Elder Alex Stephens, Bro. Lee Robinson, Charley Ousley
Sugar Loaf . . .	Bro. James McCearley, Elder Lon Ch Elder A. J. Wright
Little Union . . .	Bro. James Childers, Elder T. J. Smith, F. F Smith
New Hope	Bro. Richard Wills, Elder B. W. Craft, Wm. Hall
East Point	Elder John D. Music, Elder Paris Music
Chestnut Grove .	Bro. Lee Holbrook, Bro. Milt Holbrook, W. K. Bayes
Little Rock . . .	Bro. T. R. Prater, Bro. Wash Holbrook, Nero Whittaker
Prestonsburg . .	Elder Frank McGuire, Elder A. J. Ste Bro. Booker Owens

Association of United Baptists, 1934

	By Baptism	By Letter	By Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Totals	Meeting Time	Time of Feet Washing at Each Church
Bro-				2	1		27	3rd Sat.	3rd Sunday in June
Elders,	4	4	1	6	12	1	107	3rd Sat.	3rd Sunday in Aug.
Elder	2	27		3			25	1st Sat.	1st Sunday in July
Elder	3	1	1		6	2	69	1st Sat.	1st Sunday in Aug.
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Elder	1			2	1	1	138	4th Sat.	4th Sunday in July
Elder				2	1	1	86	2nd Sat.	2nd Sunday in July
Womens,			2	6	3	1	92	4th Sat.	4th Sunday in July

Designating time for each church's communion.

years, six months. Unto this union were born nine children. Two died in infancy. She leaves a loving husband and seven children to mourn her loss.

She joined the Christian Church in 1876, and joined the United Baptist Church in 1922, and lived a Christian life until death. She belonged to the church 61 years. I say father and mother baptized at the same time by Brother B. W. Craft and Bro. Wm. Hall. I am 52 years old and I never saw mother angry in my life. She was always kind to everybody. Her funeral was conducted by Bro. B. W. Craft, Bro. Frank McGuire, Bro. A. J. Stephens. Mother is not dead but sleeping in the arms of Jesus.

Written by her son,

BRO. WM. SHEPHERD

HATTIE MARIE ELKINS

Hattie Marie Elkins, daughter of Sam and Nannie Elkins, was born January 25, 1933, died April 16, 1934, making her stay on earth with her father and mother one year, three months and nine days. She leaves her father and mother and seven brothers and three sisters to mourn her loss.

There is a vacant seat in our home, but one is filled in heaven. She is gone, but I can say for a surety she is not forgotten. I want to say to her brothers and sisters that have reached adult age, if you ever expect to see little Hattie, you will have to repent and be born again. She is resting in the arms of Jesus. I am resting in hope by the grace of God I will see Jesus, and when I see Jesus, I will my darling little baby. Oh, how I miss her. Jesus

loved her too. I am resting in hope some sweet day
to live with my little darling baby again.

Written by her heart-broken father,

SAM ELKINS

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experience, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government.

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches, and duly sent to represent in the Association, who shall be members whom they think best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full fellowship, their baptized, restored, received by letter, dismissed; excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator

and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of members present.

Art. 6. New churches shall be admitted into our union, who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association.

Art. 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the Association.

Art. 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a Secretary appointed for that purpose.

Art. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments to this form or plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

Art. 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority,

except receiving new churches and corresponding with other Associations, which shall be done by a unanimous vote.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association; 5. To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may think necessary; 6. To withdraw from any church in this union who shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association; 8. To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9. No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more Ordained Ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator,

till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken before him or make any remarks on his slips and failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

Art. 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

Art. 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any title or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member till he gives his idea upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no voice unless the Association be evenly divided.

Art. 12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be removed by the Association as it may think proper.

Art. 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Art. 14. The rules of decorum shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ of United Baptists are constituted on the following faith viz:

Art. 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of the heaven and earth and all things therein contained.

Art. 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His church.

Art. 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Art. 5. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible word of God take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added to it or taken from it.

Art. 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ and that He tasted death for every man and woman upon the terms of the gospel.

Art. 7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way to administer the ordinance.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Art. 9. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His

second coming.

Art. 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His second coming.

Art. 11. We believe in the sum of the moral law as it stands on record in the Book of Exodus.

Art. 12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Art. 14. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES

Elder B. W. Craft	Weeter, Ky.
Elder Wm. Hall	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Elliott Webb	Auxier, Ky.
Elder T. J. Smith	Emma, Ky.
Elder R. D. Holbrook	Myrtle, Ky.
Elder Alex Stephens	Dock, Ky.
Elder A. B. Dixon	Dock, Ky.
Elder Andy Stephens	Weeter, Ky.
Elder Lon Childers	Emma, Ky.
Elder A. J. Wright	Emma, Ky.
Elder Frank McGuire	Weeter, Ky.
Elder Harris Hackworth	Middle Creek, Ky.
Elder Nero Whittaker	Dotson, Ky.
Elder W. C. Clark	Alphoretta, Ky.
Elder John D. Music	East Point, Ky.
Elder Paris Music	Auxier, Ky.
Elder S. J. Johnson	Auxier, Ky.
Elder W. K. Bays	Brainard, Ky.

